



Parental Guide

New Teenage Driving Requirements

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Teen Driving Affidavit and Time Log

To Georgia Parents:

We all know the feeling of freedom and maturity that comes with the simple act of receiving our first driver's license. This privilege that the State grants to each of us comes with a great deal of responsibility to obey the motor vehicle laws as established by the General Assembly. But perhaps the greatest responsibility does not fall upon the young person actually receiving their license; but upon the parent or guardian who first authorizes that young person to visit their local Department of Motor Vehicle Safety office.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for Georgia teens. There are volumes of studies that point to the dangerous habits of just-licensed drivers due to their inexperience. Recent years have witnessed a growing number of young drivers involved in fatal accidents. The alarming rate of increase in teenage deaths across our State has led the Governor and General Assembly to pass Senate Bill 1, the ***Teen Driving Safety Law***, which puts into statute more restrictive processes to govern teenage drivers. One requirement is designed to improve the skills of beginning drivers, before they begin driving by themselves or with their friends.

Effective January 1, 2002, before your teenager can receive their driver's license you must sign a statement that they have received a certain amount of driver training and instruction. The specific requirements are listed inside. Some, or all, of this driver training can be provided by you.

We at the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety feel that it is this supervised driving time with a parent or guardian that will lead our teenagers to become better drivers. To assist you in meeting the 20 or 40-hour mandatory driving time, we have provided an optional log to help you and your teen record driving time if you choose to use it. Please see the Driving Skills Checklist that offers helpful hints on coaching your young driver. We strongly urge you to spend this quality time with your teen developing a foundation of good driving habits. It is your participation and guidance in your teenager's driving instruction that will make them a better, and more importantly, a safer driver.

Sincerely,

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Requirements and Guidelines for Class D Drivers

- If an approved driver education course is not taken, teens must complete a cumulative total of at least 40 hours of supervised driving experience including at least six hours at night. This must be verified on an affidavit.
- If a teen successfully completes an approved driver education course in a licensed private or public driver training school, then a cumulative total of at least 20 hours of supervised driving experience including at least six hours at night is required. This must be verified on an affidavit. A certificate of completion from the driver training school must be presented at time of application for a Class D license.
- Any Class D license holder shall not drive a motor vehicle on the public roads, streets, or highways of this state between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m.
- Any Class D license holder shall not drive a motor vehicle upon the public roads, streets, or highways of this state when more than three other passengers in the vehicle who are not members of the driver's immediate family are less than 21 years of age.
- During the six-month period immediately following the issuance of a Class D license, any Class D license holder shall not drive a motor vehicle upon the public roads, streets, or highways of this state when any other passenger in the vehicle is not a member of the driver's immediate family.
- The license of any driver under age 18 will be suspended for six months for a point count of four or more points in any consecutive twelve-month period. A second accumulation of four or more points would suspend the license for one year.
- All applicants under the age of 18 will be required to show they have completed a course on Alcohol and Drug Awareness before they are issued a driver's license. This course will be taught in the Georgia State School System.
- All applicants under the age of 18 must provide proof that either he/she is currently enrolled in school, has parent's permission to withdraw from school, or has received a GED, a high school diploma, or completed high school. Forms for school attendance or withdrawal are available from the local school or Driver License Office.

Suggested Driving Skills Checklist

Parents, during your practice driving time, practice these skills until you feel your teen has performed them several times both successfully and confidently.

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| • Pre-driving checks and adjustments | • Yielding the right-of-way |
| • Making accurate turns (left and right) | • Railroad crossing |
| • Backing up | • Changing lanes (checking blind spot) |
| • Parking (perpendicular, angle and parallel) | • Following safely behind other vehicles |
| • Driving through intersections | • Communicating with other drivers (turn signals and appropriate use of horn) |
| • Recognizing danger signs/conditions | • Adjusting speed, position and passing on highways |
| • Driving under adverse conditions (weather, congested traffic, road construction) | • Traffic signal responses |
| • Driving in peak times on interstates | |
| • Starting, moving and stopping smoothly | |

Driving Log - For Your Optional Use
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[illegible]**TOTAL HOURS**

*Total time spent practicing MUST equal a minimum of 40 hours (20 hours if driver's education is successfully completed).

Note that only a parent, guardian, or an adult, who is over age 21, is authorized to provide supervised driving time.

Verification Form

Parent or Guardian will be given official document at the DMVS Customer Service Center

I hereby swear or affirm that I have reviewed the information contained in this Teen Driving Affidavit and Time Log. I further swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that all of the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____ I swear or affirm that _____ has successfully completed an approved driver education course in a licensed private or public driver training school and that in addition the applicant has a cumulative total of at least 20 hours of other supervised driving experience including at least 6 hours of driving at night, and that the driving experience was supervised by a licensed driver over 21 years of age, fit and capable of exercising control over the vehicle, and occupying a seat beside the driver.

_____ I swear or affirm that _____ has a cumulative total of at least 40 hours of supervised driving experience including at least 6 hours of driving at night, and that the driving experience was supervised by a licensed driver over 21 years of age, fit and capable of exercising control over the vehicle, and occupying a seat beside the driver.

_____ I swear or affirm that I am the applicant, and that I am more than 18 years of age.

_____ I swear or affirm that I am the parent or lawfully appointed guardian of the applicant.

Any person who makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation, or who makes or uses any false writing or document in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department of state government, is subject to punishment by a fine of up to \$1,000.00, imprisonment of not less than one nor more than five years, or both. O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20.

Sample

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

This ____ day of _____, 20____

NOTARY PUBLIC, _____ County, Georgia.

My Commission expires: _____